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CONSIDERATION OF THE PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT AT ABM LAUNCH COMPLEXES E03 AND E21, MOSKVA, USSR, HAS RAISED THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER A SECOND TRIAD IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT EACH OF THESE COMPLEXES. HISTORICALLY, THE START OF TRIAD 2 HAS FOLLOWED THAT OF TRIAD 1 BY PERIODS VARYING FROM APPROXIMATELY 31 TO 11 MONTHS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SHORTEST TIME WAS IN THE CASE OF E31, THE FIRST OF THE "SECOND GENERATION" COMPLEXES AROUND MOSKVA. WHEN E03 AND E21 WERE IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION, AREAS WERE CLEARED FOR A DUAL TRIAD AT EACH COMPLEX BEFORE ACTUAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BEGAN. THIS LED TO THE BELIEF THAT

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CONSTRUCTION OF BOTH TRIADS AT THE RESPECTIVE COMPLEXES WOULD BE CONCURRENT. BOTH EO3 AND E21 HAD BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR APPROXIMATELY 19 MONTHS WHEN BOTH WERE LAST OBSERVED ON KEYHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY IN NOVEMBER 1967. AT THAT TIME, THE TRIAD 1 FACILITY AT EACH COMPLEX WAS IN A MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. AT EO3, WHILE THE CLEARINGS WERE STILL PRESENT, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT ERECTION OF THE BUILDING SUPERSTRUCTURES FOR TRIAD 2 HAD STARTED. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, AT E21 THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2 INCONGRUOUS BUILDINGS, NOT PART OF A TYPICAL TRIAD FACILITY, WILL APPARENTLY PRECLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRIAD 2 FACILITY THERE.

THE EFFECT OF THE FAILURE TO CONSTRUCT A SECOND TRIAD AT EO3 AND E21 WOULD BE THE REDUCTION BY 16 OF THE NUMBER OF GALOSH LAUNCH POSITIONS FROM WHAT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED (A REDUCTION FROM 96 TO 80), EXCLUDING THE DORMANT SOUTHEAST QUADRANT.

A REPORT OF COMPLEXES EO3 AND E21 IS FORTHCOMING.

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